

Provisional Application No. 60/009,592, filed January 4, 1996, and which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/607,903, filed February 27, 1996, now allowed, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/351,214, the parent of U.S. Application No. 09/650,594, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,603,338. This application is related to PCT/US95/15576.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2-10.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A dental implant having a head portion, a neck portion, and a threaded portion for contact with bone wherein said head and neck portions are provided with a smooth surface for blocking infection and said threaded portion is roughened to promote osseointegration with bone while leaving at least the beginning of the first [one] thread adjacent said neck portion smooth and unroughened, to avoid exposure of the roughened surface to soft tissue.

REMARKS

Claim 1 is in the application after entry of the above amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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